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surgents were using poisoned bullets, an turn.

absurdity which is only equaled by other reports based upon ignorance and army gossip, but which our home critics acceptso specified by the soldiers. Sometimes so follows the soldiers. Sometimes these brass-covered bullets had a little for the assigninity of the officers in high do not care for a man or 20 men when

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I have tested them by firing at a block of sandstone such as is used for foundations of houses, and discovered that the Mauser penetrated the stone eight inches at a distance of 50 feet, the Krag six my canteen, and as he came to I gave him inches and the Springfield not at all, flat- a drink, and in another minute he was a drink, and in another minute he was on his feet and hurrying to catch up with

the line. We thus discovered that the bullets that made us do the most dodging

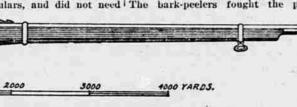
THEORY VERSUS FACT.

dark during night attacks. As luck would have it we had to defend our station against a heavy attack the very night the guns were issued, yet not a single man who had been given a Krag had any trouble in handling it or in using it ef-fectively, though it had been in his hands but a few hours. The entire regiment would have done just as well. It would have been a practical thing to have armed the regiment with Krags, which might have been done, because the guns were then in Manila, but to give companies two kinds of guns and make them have two calibers of ammunition is a violation of common military principles of which no man with pretense to military knowledge man with pretense to military knowledge should have been guilty. At the begin-ning of the civil war it was necessary, and was the cause of much loss of life and danger of loss of battles. In the Philippines it was entirely unnecessary. and was the result of the stupidity of consolidated report theorists. (To be continued.)

A PEST OF THE HEMLOCK BELT. Woodsmen Hate the Spiny-Armored Porcupine-Little Beasts That Know Not Fear and Will Fight to the Death if Attacked.

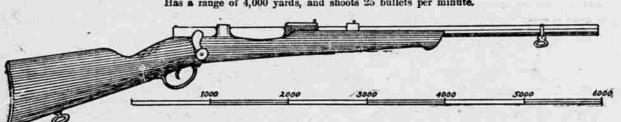
(New York Sun.)

"There are more hedgehogs or porcupines, as the natives call them, in the hemlock forests of northwestern Pennsyl-The Remington bullet is the same size as the Springfield, but it is a lead slug covered with a thin jacket of brass. This is what led to the reports sent home that the insurgents were using poisoned bullets, an true thus discovered that the insurgents were using poisoned bullets, an true thus discovered that the insurgents were using poisoned bullets, an true thus discovered that the insurgents discovered that the insurgents discovered that the insurgents discovered that the insurgents discovered that the most dodging were not the ones which did the most dadging wania than anywhere else in the East," said an old Potter County woodsman. "They are curious creatures, and a great perfect that made us do the most dodging wania than anywhere else in the East," which did the most dodging wania than anywhere else in the East, "and a product of the ones which did the most dodging wania than anywhere else in the East," and a product of the comparative merits of the ones and an old Potter County woodsman. "They are curious creatures, and a great perfect that made us do the most dodging wania than anywhere else in the East," and a great perfect that made us do the most dodging wania than anywhere else in the East," and a great perfect that made us do the most dodging wania than anywhere else in the East," and a great perfect that made us do the most dodging wania than anywhere else in the East," and a great perfect that the most dodging wania than anywhere else in the East," and a great perfect that the most dodging wania than anywhere else in the East, "and a great perfect that the most dodging wania than anywhere else in the East," and a great perfect that the most dodging wania than anywhere else in the East, "and a great perfect that the most dodging wania than anywhere else in the East," and the East, "and a great perfect that the most dodging wania than anywhere else in the East," and the East, "and a great perfect that the most dodging wania than anywhere else in the East," and the East, "and a great perfect that th the four sides of a lumber shanty be salt-ed from ground to roof the porcupines The only excuses offered for not arm- would eat it down over the heads of the



THE SPRINGFIELD RIFLE.

Has a range of 4,000 yards, and shoots 25 bullets per minute.



THE KRAG-JORGENSEN RIFLE.

shooting which seemed to suit the Fillpinos best they were of little value, their
bullets being always spent balls when
they reached us, if they came so far at
all. At the time I was firing from the

DODGING "TOMATO CANS."

While I was standing near the left of my company reconnoitering the enemy's position with my glass, one of these things whizzed right in front of my face and passed down the front of the entire company, having come from some point on the flank. I dodged savagely and in a most undignified manner, and was so ashamed of it that I looked hastily to see if any of the men had noticed it, and I saw them all just recovering from a dcdge of similar proportions. We redropped at least a third of our number in the forced march, overcome with the

fired high came fussing along at slow joys and sorrows of campaigning in the speed and went right through our group. Philippines. I do not remember all of it. Every officer dodged and the bullet finally though it bore on this subject of guns and brought up against the crazy-bone of a man in the rear rank of the first set of fours, making him yell like a wild Indian, but producing only a black-and-blue mark.

the bullet like a satellite. It was when those split-jacket bullets whizzed by my head, making more noise than a sawmill, that I did my principal dodging. I have heard of men who never dodge bullets, theory, experience in the field against the ideas of men who study only consolidated shape to the bark-peelers sat down to see what the purpose of the raiders was. The porcuphres paid no attention whatever to the ideas of men who study only consolidated shape to the bark-peelers sat down to see what the purpose of the raiders was. The porcuphres paid no attention whatever to the ideas of men who study only consolidated shape to the bark-peelers sat down to see what the purpose of the raiders was. The porcuphres paid no attention whatever to the ideas of men who study only consolidated shape to the bark-peelers sat down to see what the purpose of the raiders was. The porcuphres paid no attention whatever to the ideas of men who study only consolidated shape to the bark-peelers sat down to see what the purpose of the raiders was.

by through the air and claiming the right

of way one is instinctively impelled to bility of the inexperienced volunteers untake the siding.

One day we had chased the Filipinos ever the hills near the Laguna de Bahia since daylight, and had several times been fired upon by them without having the sattlefaction of a good return shot, when suddenly as we appeared upon the top of a good return shot, when suddenly as we appeared upon the top of a good return shot, when suddenly as we appeared upon the top of a good return shot, when suddenly as we appeared upon the top of a good return shot, when suddenly as we appeared upon the top of a good return shot, when suddenly as we appeared upon the top of a good return shot, when suddenly as we appeared upon the complex mechanism of the Krag in three or four months of service, is utterly idiotic. Any man familiar with guns, as we most of the volunteers understanding the complex mechanism of the Krag in three or four months of service, is utterly idiotic. Any man familiar with guns, as we most of the volunteers are the first and the complex mechanism of the krag in three or four months of service, is utterly idiotic. Any man familiar with guns, as we we most of the volunteers of the volunteer a ridge we were fired upon from the crest of another ridge about a thousand yards distant, and at once our line fell to the ground to await developments. It was always the first order, "Lie down," when we ran into a volley, the officers not desiring to expose their men to fire until they understood the situation. So our line prostrated itself on the top of the ridge, and we discovered that the enemy were within long-range shooting and began using volleys, their position being yet Krags were put into the hands of gan using volleys, their position being yet Krags were put into the hands of marked by the smoke from the few Remingtons they were also using, for which they had only black powder ammunition. The range was so long that these brass bullets just reached us, and they made a great deal of fuss with their solir sides or target reaction. A greater let of second and they made a great deal of fuss with their solir sides or target reaction. The range was so long that these brase bullets just reached us, and they made a great deal of fuss with their split sides or target practice. A greener lot of recruits I never saw. This regiment recruits I never saw. This regiment recruits I never saw. lieved us as provost guard, and we went to the front at once. I was informed by a witness that the first night of their guard duty there was an alarm that caused the entire guard to turn out, and half a dozen of the men accidentally dis charged their pieces in trying to load them. This was something that had not happened in our regiment since our first few weeks of service. Yet these men were considered fit to handle Krags that were

beyond the intelligence and capacity of volunteers. dedge of similar proportions. We remained there for a few minutes, firing, and during the time I noticed one of the men muttering to himself as he loaded and fired in regular time. The day was an excessively hot one, and we had another Washington consolidated report that did not work in actual prac-As for the Springfield making a mordropped at least a third of our number in the forced march, overcome with the heat or exhausted with the exertion, and I feared that this man was out of his head from heat prostration. So I spoke to him, and asked:

"What's the matter, Cole?"

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"What's the matter, Cole?" "Well, Captain," he replied: "I don't making a campaign into the interior with mind bullets, but I object to sewing-machines and tomato-cans." Lawton. These papers contained an interview with Adj't-Gen. Corbin, in which one day when with Lawton's column making an attack upon Norzagaray, we were in column in support a little distance back of the firing line, my company being at the head of the column and the little distance back of the firing line, my company being at the head of the column and the being at the head of the column and the Major, Adjutant, my First Lieutenant and whole brigade, and in a little while the Minnesotas had added one more verse to a song of a hundred verses detailing the

And we'll all re-enlist p- d- q-Had it not been for their treatment in At another time we were in the hills this matter of equipment a far greater number of volunteers would have re-entional a sunken road upon a little valley listed in the new army, thus giving the back of Tay Tay, when we debouched the stand of sunker or a sunker road upon a little valley and were greeted with volleys from the stand were greeted with volleys from the stand were caught in a neat trap, but we did not remain caught. A battalion was deployed against each hill, and the hills were stormed and the enemy driven off. Our battalion was directed against the center hill, the one most distant, and as we advanced we were fired upon from the fink. One of these Remingtons came along, making a tremendous fuss, and from the sound it seemed to be coming directly for my head. I turned my head for the new army, thus giving the listed in the new army, thus giving the and man at hand, ou pine didates for the hospital. A short time didates for the hospital. A short time didates for the hospital. A short time war, and men acclimated instead of candidates for the hospital. A short time war, and men acclimated instead of candidates for the hospital. A short time war, and men acclimated instead of candidates for the hospital. A short time war, and men acclimated instead of candidates for the hospital. A short time war, and men acclimated instead of candidates for the hospital. A short time war, and men acclimated instead of candidates for the hospital. A short time war, and men acclimated instead of candidates for the hospital. A short time war, and men acclimated instead of candidates for the hospital. A short time war, and men acclimated instead of candidates for the hospital. A short time war, and in candidates for the hospital. A short time war, and ideates for the hospital. A short time war, and ideates for the hospit

enlistment, but the concluding lines were "We'll hang old Corbin on a bamboo stick

Has a range of 6,000 yards, and shoots 40 bullets per minute. corsequence was that at the long-range a long-range gun, and the volunteers little animals with their axes, and it was

all. At the time I was firing from the hill into Pasig one of my men was struck on the toe of his shoe by one of these Remingtons and he scarcely knew it, the bullet just having strength to get there. As we were on higher ground, of course our bullets had a little more force in the opposite direction, but not much.

These spent balls made a horrible noise as they wobbled through the air just before the war, as I understand other Najacket came off entirely and accompanied the bullet like a satellite. It was when

beard of men who never dodge bullets, but I have never seen the man who did not dodge when one of these affairs came near him. A Mauser makes a hissing sound, like the sudden flight of a bird, but the larger caliber bullets make a buzzing noise. All these one can get used to, but when one of these Remingtons with a split jacket comes seesawing slow-by the though the air and elajming the right.

ly as they had come.
"You don't have to skirmish around much to get feed to fatten the hemlock-belt porcupine. Just sprinkle salt a-plenty over a stick of cordwood, or a sawlog, and he'll eat the whole thing, and enjoy it like you would mince-pie.

"The customary diet, though, of these curious creatures is hemlock browse. They make themselves a home in a hollow log or under the roots of some old tree, but always within reach of a big hemlock. The hemlock is their pasture, and beaten paths show how they make their trips to and from their homes and their feeding places. The porcupine climbs a tree as readily as a squirrel would, provided some one doesn't sneak up and cut its tail off while the animal is on its way up the tree. The porcupine's tail is a most important factor in the climbing, for the animal uses it to propel itself upward, working in unison with its sharp nails, Bereft of its tail the porcupine cannot go farther up the tree, and it will not come down without it. If anyone should catch a porcupine climbing a tree and should cheek cupine climbing a tree and should chop its tail off close, it will stop right where it is and will stay there and starve to death, unless some one takes the poor animal away.

"Once up the tree, the porcupine goes out on a big limb, and, pulling the small branches in with one paw, browses on the pungent leaves. In going through the woods you will find little mounds of these fine leaves on the ground beneath hemlock trees. That means that a porcupine is feeding in the tree, the leaves on the ground being those that he has dropped in his feast. Sometimes a porcupine will re-main in a hemlock tree a week at a time, hugging close to the trunk at night and feeding during the day. The odd little locast is the only living thing that eats the foliage of the hemlock.

"While the hemlock belt porcupine is entirely harmless, it is greatly dreaded by hunters and is a great environment.

by hunters and is a great annoyance to trappers. It seems to be an impossibility to train out of any dog an inborn predilection for fighting this animal. The best-rained deerhound or bear dog will stop on the trail to have a fight with a porcupine, and, although the dog generally succeeds in time in killing his game, i always with more or less wear and tear to himself. He is sure to have his mouth and nose filled with the porcupine's sharp quills during the fight. The pain they inflict maddens him and he pitches in fiercer than ever, only to receive another quiver full of the keen little weapons the porcu-pine carries all over his body.

"Many a valuable hunting dog has been

ruined by these quills, so many of the poisonous shafts entering his mouth and nose as to destroy his nose, if not injuring him so that he has to be killed. So an important part of a hunter's equipment when going farther in the hemlock belt woods is a pair of pincers, with which, in case his dogs tackle porcupines, the quills may be extracted at once. They cannot be pulled out with one's fingers, and many a hunter, not having pincers at hand, has been forced to extract porcupine quills from his dog's nose with his

teeth or lose his dog.
"Then the snooping little beasts nos around the trapper's marten and other traps, and although they pay with their lives for their inquisitiveness, they are worthless to the trapper, and spoil his chances for game that is valuable."

Sister-What is the best way to retain a man's love?

Brother—Don't return it, — Chicago SPONGE FISHING.

A Consular Report on the Industry in the I Levant.

An interesting and instructive report on sponge fishing in the Levant has been received by the State Department from G. Bie Ravndal, United States Consul at Beirut. The Consul says Greek and Turkish sponges have been known to the trade

\$10.425, and in 1899, \$28.835 worth were shipped. Egypt, Barbary, Crete, Rhodes, Samos, Calymnos and other islands of the Turkish and Greek Archipelagos also produced sponges for export. The United States annually buys sponges abroad to the amount of about \$500,000, the principal shipments proceeding from Nassau (Bohama Islands), London and Piracus. In collecting the sponges four methods are employed—harpooning, primitive diving, dredging and diving with special outfit. With harpoons, one of the chief difficul-

ties is to see the bottom clearly through a troubled sea. To obviate this a wooder or zinc-plate cone, like a water bucket, open at the top and with a glass bottom, is used. On looking through this water these brass-covered bullets had a little verdigris on them, and such bullets would naturally affect the wound created by it. That was all the poison there was and all there is to the poison stories, except possibly poisoned arrows used by Igarrotes in the first battle, about which I can say nothing, though the Spaniards assured used they never cut any practical figure in the war.

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to good farm land when it was selling for these simple operations was added some 25 years ago the "skafander," or diving apparatus, which enables the diver, in his submarine dress, to spend an hour under water at from 10 to 15 fathoms.

I day's advice—applies to guesses as it did to good farm land when it was selling for to good farm land when it was selling for the Experience has shown that the employ-ment of the last two methods is a severe greatly, and it takes years before a new crop matures.

The fishermen who use the "skafander"

are frequently stricken with palsy of the lower extremities, stricture and other com-

The abuses which so disastrously affect the Levantine sponge industry have prompted a Russian philanthropist, Prof. Charles Flegel, to inaugurate a campaign for the abolition of diving apparatus in sponge fishing. Through his efforts the authorities of Samos, Crete and Cyprus have prohibited ithe use of the "skafander;" also the Governments of Italy and France, the latter acting in behalf of Tunis. The matter will be taken up and Tunis. The matter will be taken up and discussed at the International Fisheries Congress, which is to be held in St. Petersburg in February and March next.

Tongue Reading. (London Globe.)

Linguistology is the most recent craze in Paris. If one prefers to call it glosso-mancy, well and good. Under either name it means tongue reading, and it threatens to compete with palmistry. A big tongue, it seems indicates frankness; a short tongue, dissimulation; a long and broad tongue, garrulity and generosity; a narrow tongue, concentration and talent; a short, broad tongue, garrulity and untruth. The man with a very short and

Treasury Receipts, Books, Etc.

For Terms of the New Contest see first page.

permaps the linest quality, and shipments | Everything is to gain by a venture in this are made from Tripoli and Latakia to Paris, London, Trieste, Hamburg, New York and other places. During the last 15 years, however, the output has greatly diminished, owing to the introduction by Greeks in the '70s of diving apparatus which records. in making a deal and sending in guesses.



MISS EDIR LINGENFELTER WINNER.

sponges are collected in a net which the diver carries around his neck.

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the bank draft. My father, Josiah Lingen tax upon the sponge banks, as everything felter, was in the Civil War, serving in Co. C. in sight, sponges large and small, are gathered. Germs and seeds also suffer er's father and two brothers, and grandmother's brothers, all were in the war; some of them were killed and wounded."

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the average, for Monday, Sept. 15.

fact, the receipts reported for Mondays are in unopened packages and letters in the express offices and postoffice over Sunday. As soon as delivered at the Treasury Monday morning the contents of letters and packages are added up and the sum is the receipt's for the day. It is simply impossible for anyone to know what sums are contained in the hundreds of letters and packages before they are received and opened Monday morning.

DURING 1901 other apparatus than a slab of stone as a sinker, and a cord to communicate with the surface, is most popular in the Levant. On reaching the bottom the diver hastily snatches up as many good sponges as possible, and after remaining under water from one to two minutes, tugs violently at the cord and is drawn to the surface. The the cord and is drawn to the surface. The the cord and is drawn to the surface. The the cord and is drawn to the surface. The the cord and is drawn to the surface. The the cord and is drawn to the surface. The the cord and is drawn to the surface. The the cord and is drawn to the surface. The the cord and is drawn to the surface. The the cord and is drawn to the surface. The the cord and is drawn to the surface. The the cord and is drawn to the surface that it can well be imagined she that the cord and is drawn to the surface. The the cord and is drawn to the surface. The the cord and is drawn to the surface. The the cord and is drawn to the surface. The the cord and is drawn to the surface. The the cord and is drawn to the surface. The the cord and is drawn to the surface. The the cord and is drawn to the surface that the cord and is drawn to the surface. The the cord and is drawn to the surface. The the cord and is drawn to the surface. The the cord and is drawn to the surface. The the cord and is drawn to the surface. The the cord and is drawn to the surface. The the cord and is drawn to the surface that the cord and is drawn to the surface. The the cord and is drawn to the surface that the cord and is drawn to the surface. The the cord and is drawn to the surface that the cord and is drawn to the surface. The the cord and is drawn to the surface that the cord and is drawn to the surface. The the cord and is drawn to the surface that the cord and is drawn to the surface. The the cord and is drawn to the surface that the cord and is drawn to the surface. The the cord and is drawn to the surface that the cord and is drawn to the surface that the cord and is drawn to the surface. The the

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After next week we will be calling for the photographs and histories of new winners. If you would be among them, do not delay in making a deal and sending in guesses.

Everything is to gain by a venture in this

Monday's Treasury Receipts for a year and a Half.

Wonday, Jan. 6. 2,270,372,55

Monday, Jan. 13. 2,627,966,59

Monday, Jan. 27. 1,970,945,20

Monday, Feb. 3. 2,135,297,40

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Monday, Feb. 10. 2,248,329,50 are made from Tripoli and Latakia to Paris, London, Trieste, Hamburg, New York and other places. During the last 15 years, however, the output has greatly diminished, owing to the introduction by Greeks in the '70s of diving apparatus which proved ruinous to fisheries and fisher mean alike. It is estimated that the annual exportation of Syrian sponges at present hardly exceeds \$85,000 in value.

In the adjoining territorial waters, Cyprus, sponge beds are being worked with varying success. Sponges were exported from that island in 1898, \$28,835 worth were shipped. Egypt, Barbary, Crete, Rhodes, million.

The figures printed in black type were guessed at by our contestants, each representing the date of contest. So far as we can learn there is nothing expected in September that will cause the figures to be abnormal, either higher or lower than the server of t Monday, June 9. 2,793,901,79 Monday, June 16. . . . 1,945,703.58 the average, for Monday, Sept. 15.

As explained before, we select a Monday, June 23. 2.094.044.54

Monday, June 23. 2.094.044.54

Monday, June 30. 3,851,202.61

Monday, July 7. 1,773.958.40

Monday, July 14. 2.281,687.42

Monday, July 14. 1,983,419.05

Monday, July 21. 1,983,419.05

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Monday, July 28. 1,820,761.96

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